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MEDIA BUREAU RECEIVES REQUEST BY ANALOG TELEVISION STATION IN THE UPPER 700 MHZ BAND TO CEASE ANALOG BROADCASTING, SURRENDER NTSC LICENSE, AND OPERATE AS A SINGLE CHANNEL, DIGITAL-ONLY TELEVISION STATION

In the 700 MHz First Report and Order,¹ the Commission adopted service rules for licensing the commercial use of the 746-764 MHz and 776-794 MHz bands, which had been reallocated by Congressional direction from their previous use solely for the broadcasting service. On reconsideration, the Commission clarified how it would review, on a case-by-case basis, requests by incumbent broadcasters on channels 60-69 to voluntarily vacate their NTSC channels prior to the end of the DTV transition.²

The Media Bureau has received a request from WWAZ License, LLC, the licensee of analog television station WWAZ-TV, NTSC Channel 68, and digital television station WWAZ-DT, DTV Channel 44, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin,³ for Commission authority to: (i) cease analog broadcasting on NTSC Channel 68 and surrender its license for the channel prior to the end of the DTV transition; and (ii) thereafter operate WWAZ-DT as a single channel, digital-only television station on DTV Channel 44.

This request is available for inspection at the Commission's Reference Center, 445 Twelfth Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554, and may also be accessed on the FCC's website at www.fcc.gov/mb/video/tv.html.

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¹ Service Rules for the 746-764 and 776-794 MHz Bands, and Revisions to Part 27 of the Commission's Rules, WT Docket No. 99-168, First Report and Order, 15 FCC Rcd 476 (2000).

² Service Rules for the 746-764 and 776-794 MHz Bands, and Revisions to Part 27 of the Commission's Rules, WT Docket No. 99-168 et al., Memorandum Opinion and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 15 FCC Rcd 20845, 20868-72 (2000).

³ Facility ID 60571.